



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 15, 2013

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on the 1st, day of April, 2013 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of April 15th, 2013 agenda; 2. Approval of the April 1st, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$36,194.81
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 662.01
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 6,466.14
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 201.36
B&D Office City, supply -----	\$ 11.98
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$26,978.65
Tonya Carlson, blood draws -----	\$ 150.00
Colfer, Lyons, Wood & Wood, other atty. fees -----	\$ 510.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 617.47
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 278.50
Barry Corder, meals/mileage -----	\$ 253.97
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 45.00
Dell Marketing, equipment/supply -----	\$ 2,115.22
Dept. of Pathology, coroner fees -----	\$ 125.00
Eakes Office Products, equipment -----	\$ 109.95
Kwency Eyl, clerical -----	\$ 60.00
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 1,418.38
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$11,253.92
Jill Fritson, Sec./Treas., CDC dues -----	\$ 25.00
Stanley Goodwin, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 95.00
GreatAmerica Financial Services, postage meter lease-----	\$ 78.00
Green Law Offices, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 153.92



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Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 85.00
KC Motor Elect., supply -----	\$ 225.42
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 97.12
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 229.39
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 2,165.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,005.24
Mousel Brooks Garner & Schneider, reimb. search fees -----	\$ 44.00
NACO, registrations/subscriptions -----	\$ 137.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,278.16
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Phillips Law Office, other atty. -----	\$ 255.00
Red Willow Co. Court, copies -----	\$ 1.25
Region 15 Emergency Manag., contract -----	\$ 4,365.75
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 348.62
Stanard Appraisal, commercial appraisal contract -----	\$ 2,450.00
The Thompson Co., supply -----	\$ 123.49
Trails West Texaco, supply -----	\$ 28.50
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,280.39
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 302.16
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 71.37

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 5,573.59
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 490.93
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement-----	\$ 1,011.73
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 43.92
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 7,531.27
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 81.84
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
D&T Electric, Inc., repair -----	\$ 312.93
DFR, Inc., service -----	\$ 14.00
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. -----	\$ 725.00
Farmers Coop, supply/oil -----	\$ 538.77
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,411.11
Hancock Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,249.49
Harold Knoles, repair -----	\$ 322.11
League Builders Supply, repair -----	\$ 48.09
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 29.40
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 37.50
NE Dept. Motor Vehicles, 1 st Qtr. Fuel tax -----	\$ 246.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 113.76
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 757.84
Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 39.40
R&W Repair, fuel -----	\$ 219.00
Schamel's Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 341.98
SW Fertilizer, propane/fuel -----	\$ 7,233.38
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 26.00
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 28.45
Tri State Toxicology, DOT drug test -----	\$ 27.00



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Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 32.18
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 132.42

INSTITUTIONS FUND:

Region II Services, assessment -----	\$ 2,312.00
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NOXIOUS WEED FUND:

Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 776.39
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 123.03
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 616.16
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 207.87
William Hagemann, meals -----	\$ 15.88
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 4.90
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 19.09
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 21.16
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 13.08

Member Wertz moved to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair in the Road Fund for fuel in the amount of \$128.30. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann joined the meeting and advised as to plans for summer spraying on road ditches and county yards, chemical resistant weeds, logging restricted use pesticides, dangers of discarded containers in road ditches used in methamphetamine manufacturing, new noxious weed commonly known as Chinese bush weed currently found in southeast Nebraska and updated the board on recent meetings he has attended.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting and discussion was held on Project No. STP-NBIS(99), Control No.00886 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #13-10 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion, and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF A PROGRAM AGREEMENT
FOR 2013 FRACTURE CRITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS
Hitchcock County
Resolution No. 13-10**

Whereas: the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is developing a transportation project, on the behalf of the county, for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;



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Whereas: Hitchcock County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project;

Whereas: Hitchcock County and the NDOR wish to enter into a Program Agreement to provide for fracture critical bridge inspection and load re-rating (if necessary) services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska that:

Scott McDonald, Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Program Agreement between the Hitchcock County and the NDOR.

Project No. STP-NBIS(99)

Control No. 00886

Project Name: 2013 Statewide Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2013 at Trenton, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska:

Scott McDonald

Ronald Wertz

Paul Nichols

Attest:

Board Member Ronald Wertz Moved the adoption of said resolution.
Member Paul Nichols Seconded the Motion.

Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Signature of County Clerk

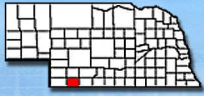
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the 2013 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Agreement by and between the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads and Hitchcock County. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members vote in favor of said motion. Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Superintendent Dixon advised as to annual bridge inspections.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting and advised as to postage meter lease agreement with Mail Finance a Neopost USA Company with Steve Cochran with Midwest Mailing Solutions. The current equipment lease with Francotype Postalia expires December of 2013/January of 2014. It was the consensus of the board to table action on this matter.

Member Wertz moved to direct chair to execute the "Disaster Declaration" relating to damages from a severe thunder/wind storm that occurred April 9, 2013. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried and Clerk directed to forward said declaration to Emergency Manager Patrick Gerdes.



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Discussion was held on the Telecommunications Services Agreement by and between Netlink, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Great Plains Communications, Inc. and Hitchcock County for internet services. Attorney Garner advised that the agreement was for five (5) year contract at \$129.95 per month per subscription. Mr. Garner noted that contract provided for waiving of installation fee and that the confidentiality clause should be stricken. Phillip Jensen, West Region Business Accounts Manager with Great Plains Communications met with the board via phone conference and discussion held on the agreement. It was the consensus of the board to table action on this agreement to the May 6th meeting and request that Mr. Jensen and Great Plains technicians be in attendance for further discussion.

Board was in receipt of a letter of acknowledgement from the Department of Revenue regarding receipt of resolutions pertaining to the Visitor's Promotion and Improvement Funds, the independent auditor's report by Kennedy & Coe, LLC on Trenton Agri Products, LLC relating to CDBG No. 02-ED-014 and a letter from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice finding that after evaluation the Hitchcock County Jail has been determined to be in full compliance with Nebraska Minimum Jail Standards.

Discussion was held regarding sending notices to licensed lodging facilities within the County. This item will be placed on the May 6th meeting agenda.

Board completed a Hitchcock County Sign Program survey requested by NIRMA, the County's insurance carrier.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 6th 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk